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C O N F I D E N T I A L NASSAU 0444

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, BF, US

SUBJ: MORE ON FACILITIES NEGOTIATIONS LEAK

REF: NASSAU 0353, 0361

1. AS REPORTED REFTELS TRIBUNE PRINTED STORY ON U.S.  
OFFER FOR BASES IN THE BAHAMAS ON 12 MARCH 77 AND PRIME  
MINISTER SUGGESTED AMEMBASSY AS SOURCE.

2. AT A SOCIAL EVENT AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE DEPUTY BRITISH  
HIGH COMMISSIONER, MR. D. MILNE, ON 23 MARCH, NLO WAS  
APPROACHED BY MR. ALAN GREENWOOD, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER,  
BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION, WHO SAID THAT BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER  
AND HIS DEPUTY HAD BEEN VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE LEAK AND  
ITS SOURCE, AND HAD DIRECTED MR. GREENWOOD TO FIND OUT WHAT  
HE COULD.

3. MR. GREENWOOD APPROACHED MR. ROGER CARRON, EDITOR OF  
THE TRIBUNE, WHO WOULD NOT IDENTIFY THE SOURCE, EXCEPT TO  
SAY THAT THE SOURCE WAS NEITHER THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION  
NOR THE EMBASSY.

4. HIGH COMMISSION ASSUMPTION IS, ACCORDING TO GREENWOOD,  
THAT THE SOURCE IS IN THE MINEXTAFF, AND PROBABLY THE  
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PERMSEC, MR. ORIS RUSSELL. THIS APPEARS TO BE LARGELY  
BASED ON THE FACT THAT RUSSELL HAS BEEN DRINKING AND  
TALKING MORE SINCE HIS WIFE'S DEATH LAST YEAR AND CARRON'S  
STATEMENT THAT HIS SOURCE WAS SO UNIMPEACHABLE THAT HE  
WAS PREPARED TO PRINT WHATEVER THE SOURCE SAID AND FACE  
THE P.M. DOWN WITH IT, PUBLICLY IF NEED BE.

5. CARRON REPORTEDLY ALSO SAID THAT HIS SOURCE WOULD BE  
FORTHCOMING WITH MORE INFORMATION AND DETAILS.  
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